(b) Total target fixed for reclamation and success achieved during the last two years through afforestation are given below:

(Area in thousand ha)

Year	Physical targets	Achievements
1985-86	1404.80	1510.00
1987-88	1714.23	1761.87

Laminated jute bags manufacturing units

1752. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of small scale units manufacturing laminated jute bags in the country;

(b) what is the number of workers working in those units till March, 1987; and

(c) what is the total production of HDPE/PP bags in the country during the year 1986-87?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) According to Jute Laminators Association, there are around 400 small-scale jute laminated bags manufacturing units in the country employing around 70,000 workers. Of late, many of them are reported to have closed down their operations due to their inability to meet competition from cheaper priced HDPE/PP sacks.

(c) As small scale units are not required to furnish production data, details of production of HDPE/PP sacks by small scale units are not available. However, production of HDPE/PP woven fabrics and sacks during 1986-87 in the organised sector is estimated at around 20,000 M. Tonnes.

Labour Bills from Andhra Pradesh Government

1753. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Labour Bills sent by the Andhra Pradesh Government are pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details of these Bills and the reasons for the delay in approving them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The following Bills have been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for consideration and assent of the President:—

(i) The Andhra Pradesh Shops and Establishments Bill, 1986.

(ii) The Andhra Pradesh Labour Welfare Fund Bill, 1986.

(b) As far as the Andhra Pradesh Shops and Establishments Bill, 1986 is concerned, it was received in this Ministry on 26.8.86. After consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, certain clarifications have been sought from the Government of Andhra Pradesh on 28.7.87 on this Bill.